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In the Drawings

Please amend Figures 13b, 16c, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26, and 35 as shown in red in the attached drawings.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments set forth above prior to examining the above-referenced application.

Applicant amend the specification and Figures 13b, 16c, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26, and 35 to correct typographical errors. Specifically, reference numeral 32 is a duplicate. Therefore Applicants replace reference numeral 32 with reference numeral 41 in both the specification and Figures 13b, 16c, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, and 26. Applicants add reference numeral 41 to the connection between NMS 60 and the network device 540 in Figure 35. Reference numeral 41 is referred to in the specification and used in other figures to designate the same part of the invention. No new matter is added by these amendments.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants enclose a copy of pages 87 and 88 of the specification in which the above corrections are indicated in red.

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The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant in the event that such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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